AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (currently amended) A sealing assembly ~~element~~, comprising:

a tubular main body of an elastic material, a peripheral wall of the main body enclosing a hollow space that extends along a longitudinal direction of the sealing assembly ~~element~~, with a connecting passage for fluids, and

a diaphragm extending from the tubular main body located at at least one longitudinal end of the tubular main body and at least partially closing at least one longitudinal end of the sealing assembly ~~element~~,

wherein the peripheral wall in the region of the connecting passage is designed in respect of elasticity of the material, thickness of the wall and inside diameter of the hollow space, such that twisting of the main body causes a constriction of the hollow space in the region of the connecting passage in such a way that the constriction is at a predetermined position in relation to the longitudinal direction of the sealing assembly ~~element~~; and

wherein the diaphragm and the tubular body comprise a single piece of a silicone rubber with a Shore hardness greater than 30.

2. (currently amended) The sealing assembly ~~element~~ of claim 1, wherein:

the tubular main body comprises first and second longitudinal ends, such that twisting of the two longitudinal ends relative to each other causes regular folding of the peripheral wall in the region of the connecting passage and concomitantly therewith a reduction in the diameter of the connecting passage, which is dependent on the amount of angular twist applied.